

REMARKS

The Office Action of March 7, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Section 8 of the Office Action acknowledges that claims 3-6 are directed to patentable subject matter. In order to secure allowance of the present application without further prosecution, the present Amendment cancels claim 1, and transfers its subject matter (in modified form) to claims 3-6 in order to place them in independent form.

The modifications that were made to claim 1 (now canceled), when its subject matter was transferred to the objected-to claims, are fairly extensive. For one thing, the document is now said to contain a numerical expression. Other revisions have been made to improve the definiteness and accuracy of the subject matter transferred from claim 1 (now canceled) to the objected-to claims. It is respectfully submitted that the revisions that have been made overcome the objections in section 3 of the Office Action (except for the final objection to claim 4, which has been modified in view of the objection and now recites "any of a plurality of documents").

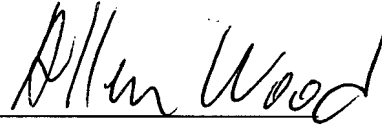
Turning now to the rejection of claim 4, in section 5 of the Office Action, the present Amendment revises claim 4 to verify what was intended by "it." However, the first part of the rejection ("the alignment" in line 15 of claim 4) is respectfully traversed. The "extraction information dictionary" paragraph of claim 4 refers to "alignment orders," while the portion of claim 4 pointed out in the Office Action refers to "a selected one of the alignment orders." It is therefore respectfully submitted that sufficient antecedent basis is present in the claim.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that the claim objections and the rejection for indefiniteness have been overcome, and that objected-to claims 3-6 should not be allowed since they have been placed in independent form.

It is noted that this application has been amended to include four independent claims. Accordingly, an additional claim fee of \$200 is being included in a remittance that is being submitted concurrently.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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